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The Agricultural College Location

While Gleichen has put forth the strongest claims and arguments ever brought forth for the location of the agricultural college at any particular location, it will never do to rest our case with the location is definitely settled; and it is most pleasing for the committee in charge to know that the whole community is backing them up in their efforts, both in the clamor set forth and in a financial way.

By the numerous quotations produced in The Call last issue and this it will be seen that the general verdict of the press and prominent men of this province and elsewhere is decidedly against the location of the agricultural college being located in the vicinity of the university and most of the writers take care to strongly impress the view that irrigation should have due consideration in the location.

The following was stated publicly by Governor Cummins, of Iowa, recently: "The Iowa college of agriculture is a fine example of the wonderful development in recent years of the agricultural science. The United States presents so many instances of extraordinary an unparalleled growth that most of our people do not know what institutions devoted to the science of agriculture are doing for the material welfare of the country. I believe it to be true that the knowledge imparted by such colleges and the interest awakened through their efforts has not yet been in the last decade to the wealth of the world than all the other discoveries combined. This may seem to be a startling assertion, but in truth it is exceedingly conservative. I take a single illustration in my mind. The information that has been given within the last few years to the corn growers of Iowa, with respect to the selection of seed corn, added this year not less than sixty millions of bushels to our corn crop. That is, we raised and harvested sixty millions bushels more upon the same land than we would have raised and harvested under like conditions, had not science lighted up the way to better farming. All other agricultural products have been similarly benefited. And the aggregate good accomplished is as astounding as it is gratifying."

Calgary Daily News:

The question of the location of the agricultural college for the province of Alberta is not shared by the action of the senate of the university.

The head of the agricultural department of the province, Hon. W. T. Finlay, ought to have something to say upon that subject, and, as he is a practical man and not a theorist merely, it is quite possible that the action of the theorists will not effect the practical working out of a comprehensive scheme by which one or more agricultural colleges will be placed where they will do most good in this widespread and diversified province, agriculturally.

Many years ago in Ontario an attempt was made to place the agricultural college at Wallaceburg in proximity to Toronto, but after buildings were erected and the work had been going on with for some time it was found better, in the interests of the agricultural community, to change the location and the college—one of the best in the world—was finally located at Guelph, some fifty miles from Toronto.

What this country needs is an agricultural college which will give a proper educational and practical course in farming, from which a young man may go to take part with hand and brain in building up the country; not an institution that will take farming desire from the student and make him wait for his chosen vocation.

It is better to be able to have a practical learning a husband and to play a straight forward man to fill up with Latin and Greek questions and loose the healthy desire for the agricultural life.

The Calgary Herald says:

Now that the sons created by unfair treatment of other portions of the province in favor of Edmonton and Strathcona are gradually leaving it is more for the university authorities to seek to secure the provincial agricultural as a part of their institution. Strathcona, charming place though it is, cannot be regarded as the ideal site for such an institution which should obviously be placed further north. Nor is a university environment suitable to the life of so practical a school as agriculture demands. There would certainly be inevitable distinctions between the two classes of students which, unless they be, would damage the spirit of the agricultural institution.

As senator Talbot truly says, the neighborhood of a city and the academic atmosphere of a university are not suitable to agricultural raising. Country life and environment are necessary and to influence should be encouraged which would tend to withdraw the students from their sympathy with and desire for an agricultural career.

There are several worthy locations already suggested for an independent agricultural college. Let one of them be chosen. President Tully and his staff have any amount of other work to do. If they satisfy the needs of the province with reference to university education they will be doing all that is asked of them. Meanwhile, to reach out after everything in sight is not the course best calculated to gain general sympathy and support in the work they have already undertaken.

The college will be affiliated with the university but it should have a separate existence and be elsewhere located.

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